

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q77322

Ryosuke KURIBAYASHI

Appln. No.: 10/773,339

Group Art Unit: 2613

Confirmation No.: 6498

Examiner: Kenneth J. MALKOWSKI

Filed: February 9, 2004

For: OPTICAL SIGNAL REGENERATIVE REPEATER, OPTICAL GATE CONTROL METHOD, AND OPTICAL SIGNAL REGENERATION METHOD

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of February 23, 2007 to August 23, 2007.

The statutory fee of \$1020.00 is being paid via the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS). The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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